

Changing the Default Styles

Depending on the level of the school you work at or because of personal preference many will want to have a different default style to occur when you open a new document or when you use Comic Life for different tasks.

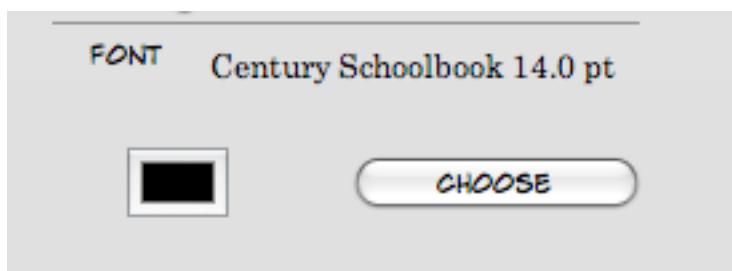
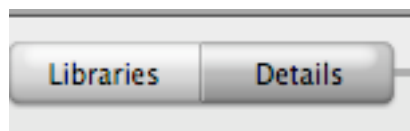
Open a new file

To change the styles you have to do each element individually. We are going to start with the balloons.

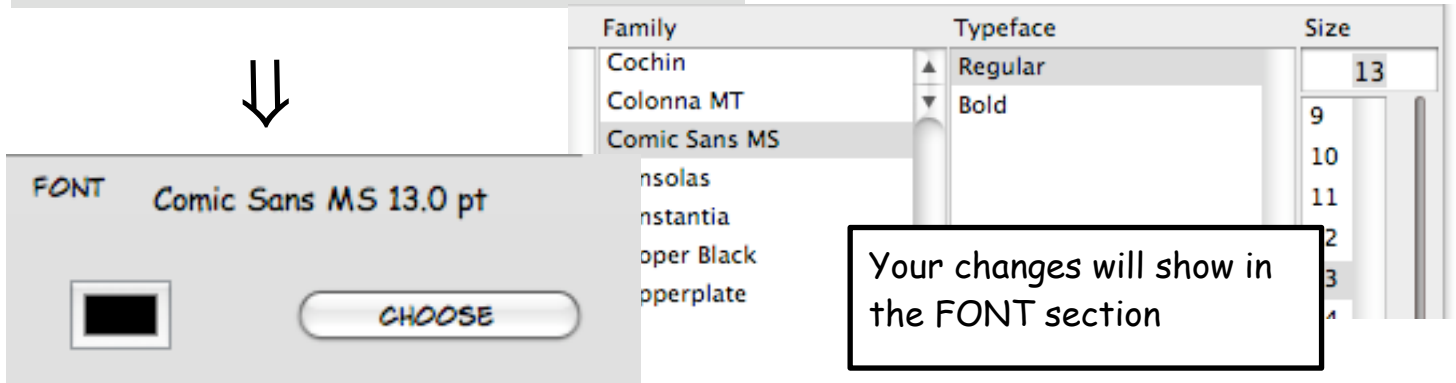


Go to Details to bring up Balloon attributes.

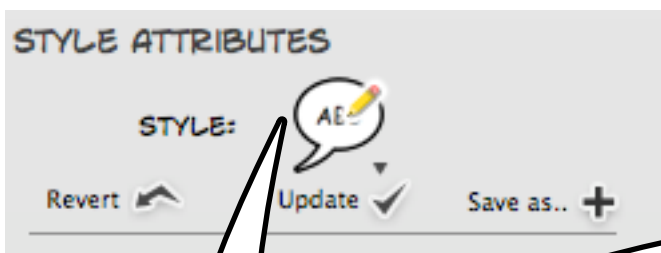
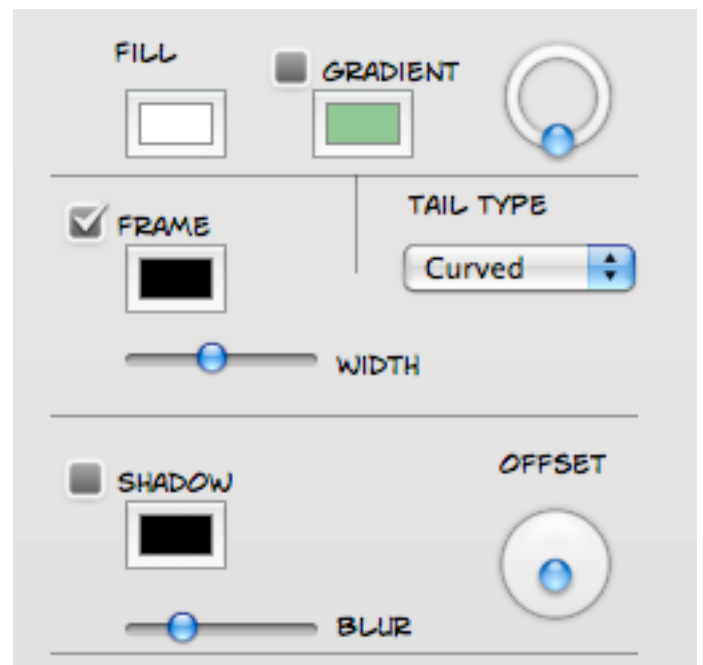
Click the balloon you want to bring it into the working space. Make sure the balloon is selected - not the text



Go down to FONT and click choose. I am going to select Comic Sans Regular 13 pt.



Make any other changes you want. Remembering that this is going to be your default style - don't get carried away!



Once you have clicked Update the little pencil will disappear.

You will note that as you make changes the buttons in the Style area become active (go from Grey to Black). Once you have set all of the attributes you want click Update - you are looking to change your current style rather than using Save As to set up a new one.



If you want to change them as well go through exactly the same process for Captions and for Lettering. You may choose the same font family or a different thing for each.

Captions

lettering

Continue until you have a preferred set of styles for each part of Comic Life. These may include a font suitable for level, lettering that has better legibility or a colour scheme that suits your school / tastes / focus.

Load Stylesheet...

Save Stylesheet...

Go File - Save Stylesheet and give your new style a name that makes sense. Remember this is the one you want as your default every time you load Comic Life

And now, depending on whether you are working on a Mac or on a PC

On the light side

On your Mac go to the Comic Life menu, then to Preferences, in Default Stylesheet locate the Stylesheet you have just saved and close the Window

On the other side



On your PC go to the View Menu and then to Options and under the Default Stylesheet locate the Stylesheet you have just created.

Close Comic Life. When it reopens it should have your new Style selections as the default.

If you have a special style for things like newsletters, presentations, homework sheets, help sheets that you want to use regularly but do not want them as the Default, save them as a Stylesheet and then, when you open a new page go to File and Load the specific Stylesheet you want. This will bring in all of your settings for that particular task. Make sure you name your Styles with a title that makes sense.

Have lots of fun. 8-}

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